

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 10-11 are the only claim currently pending in the application. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter with regard to claims 10 and 11.

By this Amendment, claims 1-9 and 12-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Thus, entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

II. Response To Claim Rejections Under U.S.C. §112:

Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Applicant has amended claim 10 to clarify the subject matter to which the claims are to be drawn.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the claims now satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112 rejections to these claims are respectfully requested.

III. Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101, §102 and §103:

Claims 21, 23-25, and 27-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yu et al. (U.S. Patent 6,611,289). Claims 3-5, 7-9 and 14-16, 18-20, 23-25, 27-29, and 32-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu in view of Parulski (U.S. Patent No. 5,523,786). Claims 1-9 and 12-33 have been canceled rendering the rejections moot.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claims 10-11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10, as amended, is believed to be sufficient to overcome the §112 rejections. Accordingly, claims 10 and 11 are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4782.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4782.

Respectfully submitted,
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